Sea-going lighters at the Alleppey Port.

576. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of sea-going lighters now available for loading and landing at the Port of Alleppey :

(*b*) the number available during each of the past ten years ; and

(*c*) the number of lighters lost or damaged ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 23.

(*b*) 30 in 1099
32 in 1100
34 in 1101
44 in 1102
49 in 1103
52 in 1104
58 in 1105
58 in 1106
51 in 1107
43 in 1108

(*c*) 18.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know from the member the cause for the loss and damages of the sea-going lighters ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The causes are due to want of proper safety basins. Arrangements are being made for the construction of safety basin.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know from the member whether the Government are aware of the recommendation of the Travancore Chamber of Commerce to construct a boat basin to offer safety for the anchorage at the Port ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. Arrangements have already been made for the construction of a boat basin.

The Port at Alleppey.

577. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that the British India, the Asiatic and the Scindia Steam Navigation Companies have declared the port of Alleppey closed during the monsoon, so far as their steamers are concerned ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know from the member the probable loss to Government in the shape of landing and shipping fees on account of this ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know whether the customs revenue at the Port of Alleppey has become decreased on account of this ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware of the probable number of men thrown out of employment on this account ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K, C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know the number of climbers that have gone without work ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know whether the Government have made any enquiry as to why the Asiatic and the Scindia Steam Navigation Companies declared the Port of Alleppey closed during the monsoon so far as their vessels were concerned ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Want of shipping facilities.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether shipping facilities have diminished recently ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : How ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : On account of sand accretion.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : Is there any agency to bring to the notice of the Government from time to time the condition of the port, the accessibility for ships and other matters ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, there is the Principal Port Officer.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Did that officer bring the present condition of the port to the notice of Government ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Ezhava Sub-Registrars.

78. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Sub-Registrars in the Registration Department ;

(*b*) the number of Ezhava Sub-Registrars ;

(*c*) when the last appointment of an Ezhava as a Sub-Registrar was made : and

(*d*) the number of appointments as Sub-Registrars made after the last appointment of an Ezhava as a Sub-Registrar ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 76 permanent, 5 temporary and 8 acting.

(*b*) Four.

(*c*) 19-9-1104.

(*d*) 21 permanent, 5 temporary and 8 acting.

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